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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Matter of:

U.S. National Phase Entry
Under 35 USC § 371 from
the International Application of :
TACK, Joris Jozef Gustaaf et al :
Int'l Application No. PCT/US99/26246 :
Filed in the RO/US on 04 Nov. 1999 :
Entitled: A CONTAINER

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.112

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to Examination and computation of the fees for entering the captioned International Application into the U.S. National Phase, please preliminarily amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the following Remarks.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims as follows:

3. (Amended) A container according to claim 1, wherein a locking mechanism is located between the stationary cover and the movable lid for releasably securing the movable lid in the closed position onto the stationary cover.

5. (Amended) A container according to claim 1, wherein the push-button means is an elastically deformable portion of the stationary cover, said push-button means being located near enough to the protrusions of the stationary cover and the movable lid, to disengage said protrusion of the movable lid from said protrusion of the stationary cover when said push-button is pressed, thus releasing the movable lid into the open position.